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For: METAL MASK FOR LIGHT INTENSITY
DETERMINATION

Examiner: Daniel G. Miriam

**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS
FOR ALLOWANCE UNDER 37 CFR §1.104(E)**

MS Issue Fee
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Applicant has received the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance with the September 7, 2007 Notice of Allowance and Allowability regarding the above-identified application. An Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance is not provided within the Notice of Allowance. However, reasons for allowance are provided by the Office Action mailed May 22, 2007. In addressing the allowance of claims 12-24, 26, 27, 29, and 30, the Office Action mentions the features of independent claim 19, which recites limitations omitted from independent claim 12. In response, Applicants note that the combination of features recited within claim 12 defines a unique claim scope neither shown nor suggested by the prior art. The reasons for allowance do not address independent claim 1.

Accordingly, Applicants agree in part with the above-noted reasons for allowance in that the prior art of record fails to disclose, teach, or suggest the claimed invention. However, the stated reasons

fail to accurately address the limitations of some allowed claims. Further, certain claim limitations were not discussed, including those of the dependent claims, each of which defines a unique combination of features neither shown nor suggested by the prior art and provides additional reasons for allowance.

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